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SUBJ: SIAD MOSCOW SPEECH TO THE 25TH CPSU CONGRESS: ADVANCING THE
SOVIET LINE

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1. SUMMARY. MARCH 3 ENGLISH-LANGUAGE SONNA CARRIED WHAT IS
APPARENTLY FULL TEXT OF PRESIDENT MOHAMED SIAD BARRE'S ADDRESS
TO 25TH CPSU CONGRESS. SIAD PRAISED BREZHNEV'S QTE PEACE POLICY
UNQTE WHICH HAS RELAXED TENSIONS WITH WEST BUT WENT ON THE STATE
IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE, WHICH SOCIALISM WILL INEVITABLY WIN, MUST
CONTINUE. SOMALIA HAS DEFEATED BOTH OLD- AND NEW-STYLE
COLONIALISM, ITS METTLE MOST RECENTLY BEING TESTED BY QTE
ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES EXPORTED TO POOR NATIONS BY CRISES IN
MONOPOLY CAPITAL UNQTE AND THE SERIOUS DROUGHT. SIAD EXPRESSED
GRATITUDE FOR SOVIET ASSISTANCE DURING DROUGHT, CALLING IT QTE
ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF COMRADELY SOVIET ASSISTANCE TO OUR PEOPLE AT
TIME WHEN SOME OTHERS (READ: THE U.S.) WERE SPREADING NEFARIOUS
PROPAGANDA ABOUT US IN ORDER TO PREVENT INTERNATIONAL HELP FROM
REACHING US UNQTE. ON DJIBOUTI, SIAD CHARGED THAT FRENCH
HAVE STEPPED UP SUPPRESSION OF PEOPLE AND INCREASED ITS
MILITARY STRENGTH QTE WHICH IS AUGMENTED BY NATO UNQTE.

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2. COMMENT: EVEN A CASUAL READING OF SPEECH, FULL TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS BELOW, SHOULD DISPEL ANY DOUBTS ABOUT WHERE SIAD'S IDEOLOGICAL ALLEGIANCES LIE. HE IS A SOVIET SYCOPHANT. INSINUATIONS CONCERNING US ACTIONS DURING DROUGHT EMERGENCY FLY IN FACE OF FACT THAT U.S. WAS SINGLE LARGEST DONOR OF FOOD TO SOMALIA AND FIRST TO RESPOND TO SIAD'S DECEMBER 1974 CALL FOR HELP. HIS DISTORTIONS ALSO COME BUT TWO WEEKS AFTER GSDR APPROACHED EMBASSY WITH QTE EXTREMELY URGENT UNQTE REQUEST FOR SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL GRANT FOOD ASSISTANCE. END COMMENT
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IN HIS SPEECH THE PRESIDENT SAID: " WE ARE GREATLY HONORED TO BE INVITED TO THE HISTORIC 25TH CONGRESS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION. WE ARE DEEPLY TOUCHED BY THE CORDIAL FRIENDLY WELCOME WE HAVE RECEIVED HERE IN MOSCOW. WE ARE ALSO HAPPY TO CONVEY WARM, FRATERNAL AND COMRADELY GREETINGS FROM THE SOMALI PEOPLE, THEIR GREAT PARTY, WISE AND DEDICATED LEADERSHIP REPRESENTED BY COMRADE LEONID I. BREZHNEV WHOSE BRILLIANT REPORT HAS IMPORSSSED ALL OF US. THE SOMALI WORKING PEOPLE, LIKE SO MANY OTHERS STRUGGLING TO UPROOT EVIL SOCIAL ORDERS AND TO BUILD IN ITS PLACE A TRULY HUMAN SOCIETY, HAVE FOR THE SOVIET PEOPLE AND THEIR GREAT PARTY THE DEEPEST ADMIRATION, RESPECT AND LOVE.

"THIS GREAT PARTY, ADAMENTLY DEFENDING AND DEVELOPING MARXISM-LENINISM, HAS SUCCEDED IN LEADING THE SOVIET PEOPLE TO THE VICTORIOUS OCTOBER REVOLUTION, AND OVERCOMING THE AGGRESSION OF IMPERIALISM IN THE CIVIL WAR.

"IT WAS AGAIN THE TASK OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE, LEAD BY THIS GREAT PARTY, TO PIONEER THE DIFFICULT ROAD OF BUILDING SOCIALISM, TO BEAR THE BRUNT OF DEFEATING FASCISM AND NAZISM, TO AGAIN RECONSTRUCTION (SIC) THEIR WAR-TORN COUNTRY, AND PAVE THE WAY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORLD SOCIALIST SYSTEM AND THE
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WORKERS' AND NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS ON ALL CONTINENTS.

"YOUR PARTY HAD TO RESOLUTELY STRUGGLE FOR PEACE THROUGH DECADES OF PROVOCATIVE SO-CALLED "COLD-WAR" WHEN THE DANGER OF THERMO-NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST WAS ALL THE TIME IMMINENT. THOUGH THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE IS A CONTINUOUS PROCESS, THE ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR, ESPECIALLY IN THE RELAXATION OF TENSION AND THE REDUCTION OF THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR WAR, ARE INDEED IMPRESSIVE.

THIS IS A VINDICATION OF THE PEACE POLICY OUTLINED BY COMRADE
LEONID BREZHNEV.

"TODAY TWO GREAT CAMPS -- THE WORLD SOCIALIST SYSTEM AND
THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM -- ARE FACING EACH OTHER (AND) THOUGH THE
PRINCIPLE OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE OF STATES WITH DIFFERENT
SOCIAL SYSTEMS IS NOW PRACTICALLY ACCEPTED, THE STRUGGLE IN
THE IDEOLOGICAL FRONT WILL NEVER BE COOL AND MUST CONTINUE.
IN THIS STRUGGLE SOCIALISM WILL DEFINITELY COME OUT VIC-
TORIOUS FOR IN A PEACEFUL CONTEST CAPITALISM WILL NEVER
MATCH THE INHERENT STRENGTHS OF SOCIALISM.

"BESIDES THE WORLD SOCIALIST SYSTEM TWO OTHER REVOLU-
TIONARY CURRENTS ARE STRUGGLING AGAINST IMPERIALISM: THE
WORKING CLASS MOVEMENT IN THE DEVELOPED CAPITALIST COUNTRIES
AND THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.
CAPITALISM HAS SUCCEEDED FOR A SHORT HISTORICAL PERIOD IN
BLUNTING THE REVOLUTIONARY EDGE OF ITS WORKING CLASS THROUGH
THE IMPERIALIST SUPER-EXPLOITATION OF WEAKER PEOPLES. BUT
THAT TRICK WAS SURELY NOT GOING TO WORK FOREVER. SUBJUGATED
PEOPLES HAVE RISEN AND ARE RISING, ENDEMIC CONTRADICTIONS IN
THE SYSTEM ARE REAPPEARING, CRISES ARE BECOMING ACUTE, AND
THE WORKING CLASS IS AGAIN REASSERTING ITSELF WITH ITS NUM-
BERS ENLARGED AND ITS KNOWLEDGE ENRICHED BY TECHNICAL ADVANCE.

"THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT IS FLOWING IN A MIGHTY
SPEED; WITH THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE OLD-STYLE COLONIALISM,
IMPERIALIST DOMINATION IS MANIFESTING ITSELF IN THE FORM OF
NEO-COLONIALISM. THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THIS NEW FORM OF DOMI-
NATION IS MUCH MORE DIFFICULT AND INTENSIVE. TO DEFEAT CLAS-
SICAL COLONIALISM A PURE NATIONALIST MOVEMENT ESTABLISHING AN
INDEPENDENT STATE SEEMED TO BE SUFFICIENT, WITHOUT CHANGING
MUCH OF THE INHERITED SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STRUCTURE. WE HAVE
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ALL SEEN THE PIT-FALLS OF SUCH A SITUATION: THE INDEPENDENT
STATE BECOMING AN ARTIFICIAL SUPER-STRUCTURE, UNDER
WHICH THE REAL RELATIONS OF OPPRESSION AND EXPLOITA-
TION REMAIN UNTOUCHED.

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" TO COMBAT THIS REQUIRES A NEW MOVEMENT TO WREST THE MEANS OF PRODUCTION FROM IMPERIALISM, TO ATTACK THE OLD FORM OF SOCIAL REALTIONS ROOT AND BRANCH, IN OTHER WORDS A SOCIALIST SOLUTION. A GREAT MANY OF THE LIBERATED COUNTRIES HAVE REALIZED THIS AND HAVE STRUCK OUT ON THE NON-CAPITALIST ROAD OF DEVELOPMENT LEADING TO SOCIALISM.

" THE MOVEMENT IS CONTINUING IN MANY OTHERS TO BREAK AWAY FROM THE CIRCLE OF IMPERIALIST DOMINATION. INDEED WHAT WE ARE WITNESSING IS A CONCRETE REALIZATION OF THE PREDICTION THE GREAT LENIN MADE AT THE THIRD CONGRESS OF THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL WHEN HE SAID: "....IN THE IMPENDING DECISIVE BATTLES IN THE WORLD REVOLUTION THE MOVEMENT OF THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION OF THE GLOBE, INITIALLY DIRECTED TOWARDS NATIONAL LIBERATION, WILL TURN AGAINST CAPITALISM AND IMPERIALISM...."

"FACED WITH THIS FACT IMPERIALISM IS BECOMING AGGRESSIVE WHEREVER THE STATUS QUO AND ITS INTERESTS ARE THREATENED. IT INTENDS TO PREVENT SOCIAL CHANGE BY FORCE. HOW ELSE CAN ONE EXPLAIN THE CRUEL AND GENOCIDAL WAR ON THE PEOPLES OF INDO-CHINA? THE ATTEMPTED BUT FAILED STRANGULATION OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTION AND THE EVIL PLOTS AND MACHICATIONS UNCONFIDENTIAL

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LEASHED AGAINST THE SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT OF ALLENDE IN CHILE? IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHERE A SUBSTANTIAL BULK OF THE WORLD'S ENERGY RESOURCES ARE LOCATED IMPERIALISM IS DEVOTED TO PREVENT SOCIAL CHANGE AND UNITY BY ALL MEANS--RANGING FROM ECONOMIC CONTROL TO DIRECT AGGRESSION.

" WE ARE CERTAIN THAT THE ARAB PEOPLES WILL FINALLY WIN AND WE INSIST THAT THE RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE CONSTITUTE THE BASIS FOR A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

" IN AFRICA IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION IS TAKING AN EVEN UGLIER PATTERN. RACIST STATES HAVE BEEN CREATED IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE CONTINENT BASED ON THE EXPLOITATION AND THE BRUTAL OPPRESSION OF THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION, AND THE DENIAL OF THEIR CITIZEN AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

"SUCH REGIMES ARE BEING USED BY IMPERIALISM TO SYPHON OUT PROFITS AND RESOURCES, AND FRUSTRATE THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF INDEPENDENT AFRICA. BUT WITH THE VICTORY OF THE EX-PORTUGUESE COLONIES THE NOOSE BEGAN TIGHTENING ON THE REMAINING RACIST REGIMES IN THE SOUTH.

"HENCE THEIR FRANTIC EFFORTS--RANGING FROM THE SUPPORT OF REACTIONARY CLIQUES, EMPLOYMENT OF MERCENARIES, TO DIRECT MILITARY INTERVENTION -- TO PREVENT GENUINE ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE REPRESENTED BY MPLA.

"ALL OF THIS WAS OF NO AVAIL AND TODAY ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE IS ASSURED, THANKS TO MILITANCY OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE REPRESENTED BY THEIR TESTED AND TRUSTED LEADERS IN THE MPLA, AND THE UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND PROGRESSIVE AFRICAN PEOPLES.

" NEVERTHELESS IT IS THE NATURE OF IMPERIALISM NOT TO LEARN THE LESSON OF HISTORY. IF IT FAILS IN ONE PLACE IT ALWAYS TRIES TO MAKE IT UP IN ANOTHER, USING THE SAME METHODS AND TECHNIQUES. WE ARE THEREFORE CERTAIN THAT THEY WILL MAKE A LAST DITCH STAND IN NAMIBIA, FRENCH SOMALILAND AND SOUTH AFRICA. ALL OF US SHOULD THEREFORE BE PREPARED FOR THIS EVENTUALITY.
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"THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC IS A PART AND PARCEL OF THIS WORLD REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT. HAVING GONE THROUGH THE BITTER EXPERIENCE OF OLD-STYLE COLONIAL OPPRESSION AND TASTED THE NO LESS BITTER PILL OF NEO-COLONIAL EXPLOITATION, THE SOMALI PEOPLE ARE NOW DETERMINED, AFTER THE REVOLUTION OF OCTOBER, 1969, TO CARRY THEIR STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL AND SOCIAL LIBERATION TO ITS ULTIMATE CONCLUSION -- TO SOCIALISM. TO LAY THE BASIS FOR A GENUINE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ADVANCE, THE REVOLUTION FROM THE BEGINNING STARTED TO TRANSFORM THE INHERITED STRUCTURE BY NATIONALIZING THE SALIENT FEATURES OF THE ECONOMY, STRENGTHENING THE STATE SECTOR, AND STARTING

THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT IN THE RURAL AREAS AND FISHERIES.

"THIS RE-STRUCTURING AT THE BASE WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY TRANSFORMATIONS IN THE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SUPERSTRUCTURE: THE OLD NEO-COLONIAL POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS WERE DISCARDED, HEADLONG ASSAULT ON BACKWARD REMNANTS OF THE PAST WAS MADE, AND THE MASSES WERE MOBILIZED AND ENTHUSED WITH SOCIALIST IDEOLOGY FOR THE GREAT TASKS OF SELF-RELIANCE AND NATION-BUILDING.

"SEVERAL YEARS OF SUCH FERVENT REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITY --BOTH ON THE THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL LEVELS -- BEGAN TO BEAR FRUIT IN THE STEADY ADVANCE ON BOTH THE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL SPHERES. THE STRENGTH OF THE REVOLUTIONARY SITUATION AND THE MORAL FIBRE OF OUR PEOPLE WERE TESTED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, BY THE RECENT ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES EXPORTED TO THE POOR NATIONS BY THE CRISES IN MONOPOLY CAPITAL, AND THE TRAGIC DROUGHT WHICH AFFLICTED OUR NATURAL RESOURCES AND PEOPLE.

"THIS DROUGHT, THE GREATEST EVER TO HIT OUR COUNTRY, HAS DECIMATED ONE-THIRD OF OUR LIVESTOCK RESOURCES, RENDERED 268,000 NOMADS COMPLETELY DESTITUTE, AND AFFECTED ABOUT 1,200,000 PERSONS IN VARIOUS DIFFERENT WAYS. THE REVOLUTION DEVOTED EVERY EFFORT TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THESE PEOPLE, AND ASSIST THE OTHERS IN THE PROVISION OF WATER AND SUBSIDIZE FOOD.

"THE HELP OF OUR FRIENDS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUN-
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ITY WAS IMMEDIATELY FORTHCOMING, BUT THE SUCCESS OF THE RELIEF PROGRAMME WAS IN THE MAIN DUE TO THE SACRIFICES OF THE SOMALI PEOPLE AND THE ORGANIZATION OF THE REVOLUTION-
ARY GOVERNMENT.

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&&"THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT CHARTED OUT A SERIOUS PROGRAMME OF RESETTLEMENT AND REHABILITATION IN AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES FOR THOSE NOMADS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR STOCK, AND APPEALED TO THE WORLD FOR HELP IN REALIZING THIS PROGRAMME. THE SOMALI PEOPLE WILL NEVER FORGET THE SPEED WITH WHICH THE SOVIET UNION, TRUE TO LENINIST INTERNATIONALISM, IMMEDIATELY RUSHED TO OUR ASSISTANCE AND PROVIDED AIRPLANES AND TRUCKS, MANNED BY YOUNG SOVIET COMRADES, FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF 120,000 NOMADS FROM THE DROUGHT STICKEN PARTS OF THE COUNTRY TO THE AREAS OF THEIR FUTURE SETTLEMENT.

"THE OPERATION, COMPLETED IN FORTY-FIVE DAYS, WAS AN EPIC DRAMA IN THE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY. IT IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF COMRADELY SOVIET ASSISTANCE TO OUR PEOPLE, AT A TIME WHEN SOME OTHERS WERE SPREADING NEFARIOUS PROPAGANDA ABOUT US IN ORDER TO PREVENT INTERNATIONAL HELP FROM REACHING US.

"THUS WE HAVE EMERGED FROM THE DISASTER STILL STRONGER, AND WITH USEFUL RESULTS FOR OUR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION. THIS WAS DUE A GREAT DEAL TO THE IDEOLOGICAL PREPARATION OF OUR PEOPLE, AND OUR DEEP CONVICTION IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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INDIVISIBILITY OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS THE WORLD OVER.

"THE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS TAKING PLACE IN SOMALIA EVOKED STRONG REACTION FROM THE IMPERIALIST CAMP. IMPERIALISM HAS ATTEMPTED AND IS STILL ATTEMPTING TO ISOLATE AND STRANGLE OUR REVOLUTION SO AS TO PREVENT THE SPARK FROM SPREADING INTO A FIRE.

"MINDFUL OF THE STRATEGIC GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF

OUR COUNTRY, IT HAS UTILIZED THE PRESENCE OF FRENCH COLONIALISM IN FRENCH SOMALILAND, AND THE DIFFERENCES WE HAVE WITH OUR AFRICAN NEIGHBORS IN ORDER TO CREATE PROVOCATION AND PREPARE THE CLIMATE FOR TENSION AND CRISIS IN WHICH IT CAN ASSAULT US.

"THE SOMALI REVOLUTION HAS FROM THE BEGINNING UNDERSTOOD THE MEANING OF THIS PROVOCATION, AND HAS ADOPTED A RESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE PROBLEMS UNDER WHICH THE PROVOCATION TAKES COVER, ALWAYS PREFERING THE ROAD OF PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS.

"FRENCH SOMALILAND IS A CLEAR CASE OF OLD-STYLE COLONIAL OPPRESSION OBSTINATELY REFUSING TO YIELD TO THE JUST CAUSE OF INDEPENDENCE. THE POSITION OF THE SOMALI REVOLUTION, CRYSTAL CLEAR AND SIMPLE, HAS BEEN REFLECTED IN THE VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, THE ARAB LEAGUE AND THE UNITED NATIONS.

"THE PEOPLE OF FRENCH SOMALILAND MUST EXERCISE THEIR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS FOR SELF-DETERMINATION, FOR INDEPENDENCE. RECENTLY THE FRENCH COLONIAL AUTHORITIES HAVE INCREASED THEIR SUPPRESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE AREA, INCREASED ITS MILITARY FORCE WHICH IS AUGMENTED BY NATO, AND VIOLATED THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

"THE AIM IS CLEAR, IT IS NOT ONLY TO KEEP FRENCH SOMALILAND UNDER COLONIAL BONDAGE BUT TO CREATE A FOG UNDER WHOSE COVER IMPERIALISM CAN TRY TO DESTROY OUR YOUNG REVOLUTION. BUT WE REMAIN UNDAUNTED. WE SHALL
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NEITHER BOW OUR HEADS TO IMPERIALIST THREATS NOR BE SWAYED BY PROVOCATIONS.

"FIRM IN OUR CONVICTION THAT FRENCH SOMALILAND WILL GAIN ITS TRUE INDEPENDENCE, IN THE INVINCIBILITY OF OUR REVOLUTION, AND IN THE UNLIMITED SUPPORT OF THE PROGRESSIVE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD WE MARCH RESOLUTELY IN OUR REVOLUTIONARY ROAD. THE SOVIET UNION, CORRECTLY IMPLEMENTING LENINIST INTERNATIONALIST PRINCIPLES OF SOCIALISM, HAS, IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITS CONSOLIDATION, BEGUN TO SUPPORT UNCONDITIONALLY AND DISINTERESTEDLY ALL SOCIALIST MOVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, WHOSE HONOURABLE REPRESENTATIVES ARE PRESENT TODAY IN THIS CONGRESS.

"IT HAS ALSO STOOD MATERIALLY AND MORALLY BESIDE THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN AFRICA, ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA. WITHOUT THIS SOLID SUPPORT MANY VICTORIES OVER IMPERIALISM

WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE. WE PAY TRIBUTE TO THE SOVIET PEOPLE, PARTY AND ITS LEADERSHIP WHO STILL UNTIRINGLY CONTINUE THE SAME ROAD OF WORKING FOR PEACE, SOCIALISM, FREEDOM AND FRIENDSHIP AMONG PEOPLES. THE SOMALI-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP IS NOT A NEW THING. THEREFORE OUR RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET PEOPLE ARE DEEPENING EACH DAY, BEING STRENGTHENED BY THE COMMON STRUGGLE FOR SOCIALISM AND PEACE. THE SOMALI PEOPLE DEEPLY APPRECIATING THESE RELATIONS HAVE WRITTEN THEIR FRIENDSHIP FOR THE SOVIET PEOPLE IN GOLDEN LETTERS. FINALLY I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND HEARTFELT GREETINGS TO THE COMRADE DELEGATES FROM OTHER BROTHERLY COUNTRIES TO THIS AUGUST CONGRESS." END TEXT
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